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Reports Out On Cuts And Rank Surveys

Reid To Give Conference's First Speech

Noted Educators Also On Program

Canada's Department of External Affairs announced last week that the assembly speaker at the University of Maine's Conference on Canadian-American Affairs on April 19 would be Escott Reid, Deputy Under-Secretary of State. Reid's address, which is expected to deal with foreign policy, will be delivered at 10:45 a.m. in Memorial Gymnasium at the opening session of the two-day conference.

Mr. Reid, who joined the Department of External Affairs in 1939, served in 1946 as adviser to the Canadian delegation at the sessions of the United Nations Assembly in London and New York. In 1950 he attended the meeting of the Commonwealth Foreign Ministers in Colombo, Ceylon.

Forum On Education

Three prominent educators will deliver addresses at the Canadian education forum scheduled for 3:30 p.m. on April 19 in the Louis Oakes room of the Library. Mark R. Shibles, Dean of the School of Education, will be chairman of the forum.

F. E. MacDiarmid, director and chief superintendent of education in New Brunswick, and Robert J. Love, (Continued on Page Eight)

Embassy Attache Will Speak April 19 To Maine Aggies

An American embassy attache who once rode across the Sahara Desert on a motorcycle will speak to the Agricultural Club the evening of April 19.

Francis A. Flood, agricultural attache of the U. S. Embassy in Ottawa, is one of the experts who will take part in the Canadian-American Affairs Conference.

The much-traveled speaker was raised on a farm in the Middle West, and later received his degree from the University of Nebraska. He homesteaded and farmed in Wyoming for two years after serving a hitch in the Navy during the first World War. Flood then taught one year at his Alma Mater and one year at Iowa State College.

For the next several years, Flood was active in a position as travel editor for a group of United States farm magazines. His work called for a foreign trip each year which was followed by a few months of lecturing after every journey.

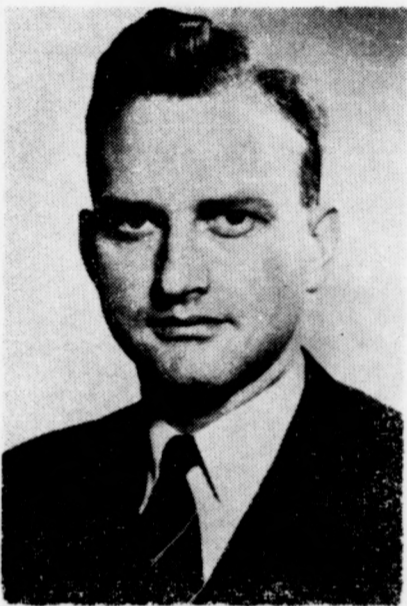
The U. S. attache served as associate editor of the Farmer-Stockman in Oklahoma City, and has since been connected for eight years with the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Varied Programs Are Planned For Farm And Home Visitors

Groups attending Farm and Home Week here, April 2 to 5, will find interesting discussions and special programs on such topics as Maine blueberries, poultry growing, the Maine tourist business, and strawberry culture.

John L. Strohm, associate editor of *Country Gentleman*, is scheduled to deliver two of the major Farm and Home Week addresses on Tuesday, April 3.

H. Ernest Bechtel, research director of General Mills, will ap-



John L. Strohm

Appropriation Under Debate In Legislature

BY ROLAND MANN

Hot debate on a proposed state budget that includes an appropriation of \$1,318,000 for the support of the U. of M. for each of the next two years was expected to begin this week in the Maine House of Representatives.

The proposed appropriation for the University, if it meets with final approval by the Maine legislature, will represent an increase of approximately \$356,000 per year over this year's appropriation, which has resulted in a deficit of \$165,000.

However, it would not permit expansion of the university's services or improvement of its plant.

In fact, according to "Financial Facts," a university bulletin published last month, "if no larger amount is granted, it will necessitate the postponement of essential improvements in facilities and equipment, as well as the practice of rigid economy in every department of the University."

House And Trustees Agree

The appropriation recommended in the budget now before the House is the exact minimum requested by the U. of M. trustees. It narrowly missed being omitted from the bill entirely when the Legislative Appropriations Committee failed to include it in the omnibus budget.

It was saved by a Senate amendment that tacked the U. of M. appropriation on for consideration by the House.

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pear first on the poultry program Tuesday when he speaks on growing better pullets and meat chickens. Wednesday, he will discuss the feeding of cattle on the dairy management program, and Thursday on what's in the feed bag on the livestock breeders' program.

Other speakers on the poultry program, April 3, are Richard Gerry of the poultry department here and Fred Jeffrey, head of the poultry department, University of Massachusetts.

Programs For Women

Two large groups of Maine women will find special programs prepared for them when they attend the last day of Farm and Home Week, Thursday, April 5. They are women interested in the Maine tourist business and the Maine League of Women Voters.

Speakers will be Leroy M. Chase, advertising manager of Maine Publicity Bureau, talking on "You and Your Public"; and Eleanor W. Bate-man, of the New England Poultry and Egg Institute, who will speak on "Scrambled Eggs and Curtsying."

The talks will be followed by a round table discussion of the season's prospects for 1951, led by Mrs. Rena Gray, Waldo county home demonstration agent.

The Maine League of Women Voters will meet Thursday afternoon, with Mrs. Austin Jones, president of the association, presiding. Principal feature will be a panel discussion on where conservation money goes in Maine.

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'Campus' Jobs Open

Students who wish to apply for the positions of editor or business manager of the Maine campus may submit their applications to the Student Publications Committee between now and April 13, it was announced this week by the committee's secretary, Doug Kneeland.

Any student in good standing is eligible for either post. Applications should be in writing, and should include a statement of the candidate's qualifications for the position. Next year's editor and business manager will be selected from among the applicants at a meeting of the Committee early in the week of April 16, Kneeland said.

Applications may be submitted to Kneeland, who lives at Beta Theta Pi.

Two Faculty Committees Make Reports Public On Grades And Absences

Both Groups Say That They Favor Some Changes In Present Systems

BY BOB WILSON

Two committees appointed by the Faculty Council last year have produced two reports that bid fair to cause some changes in the present systems for handling grades and absences at U. of M.

The two reports, based on research with actual records and standing procedures, were released simultaneously last week. Both reports carried recommendations for changes to existing systems.

Absences

Recommendations involving new methods for handling student absences were distributed by the Faculty Council last week to the college faculties of the university for discussion.

Stemming from the report of a committee on absences appointed last October, headed by Dr. Himy B. Kirshen of the economics and sociology department, the proposed rules would effect two major changes and one minor change. **Eliminating "Perjury"**

The proposed major changes constitute an attempt to get away from what one committee member characterized as "routine and habitual perjury." This phase of the recommendations would limit the need for obtaining authorized excuses to two situations: one dealing with pre-recess and post-recess absences; the other dealing with absences involving make-up work.

The minor change, item No. 3 of the report, is this recommendation: "Whenever a student's absences impair the quality of his work the instructor shall report this fact to the student's dean."

The importance of this item would of course depend on what, if any, action might be expected from the dean, a point not covered by the report.

Attendance Reports Unchanged

The first two items of the report reflect no change from present rules. Students would be expected to attend every class, and instructors would be responsible for reporting absences each week to the Registrar.

Item No. 4 pertains to what is now known as the "24-hour rule." The proposed change here would apply penalties only for absences from the last class before, and the first class after, a recess. The present rule penalizes for absences from any class within the 24-hour periods before and after vacation. (Continued on Page Three)

All Junior women interested in being senior residents in the freshman dormitories next year should see Dean Edith Wilson during the first week after spring vacation. All interested Sophomore women may also apply for these resident positions.

Grades

A	B	C	D	E	F
17.2	69.0	13.8	0	0	
9.4	23.3	35.2	20.7	11.4	

The above table represents percentages of actual grades received by students at this university in an analysis of 20 courses selected by the Committee on the Grading System appointed last year.

The top row of grades represents 10 advanced courses with a total of 442 grades. The bottom row represents 10 other advanced courses with a total of 615 grades. A sample taken by the committee indicated that "students taking courses in the first group did not make higher scores on the Freshman Week Intelligence Test than did those represented in the second group."

Lengthy Report

A partial, 13-page report by the Committee on the Grading System was distributed last week by the Faculty Council to the college faculties for discussion and suggestions and, "if advisable, a straw vote on the report."

Finding that "the most outstanding characteristic of grading patterns is variation rather than uniformity," the committee has made several recommendations aimed at correcting what it considers to be discrepancies in the present grading system.

Also included in the report are some of the results of a faculty questionnaire showing wide variations among instructors on the definitions and use of grades. In addition, the committee analyzed and found what appear to be (Continued on Page Three)

Military Training Open To Sophomore Veterans As 95 Receive Awards

Applications for enrollment in advanced military training are now available for sophomore veterans who wish to be in next semester's first year advanced class, according to an announcement by Lt. Col. William Summers, head of the U. of M. military department.

It was urged by Lt. Col. Summers that those interested apply immediately as the number to be accepted is limited. At present there are 276 sophomore veterans.

Alumnae Meetings Planned For Recess

Co-eds in two Maine areas have been invited to functions being sponsored by University alumnae during the Spring Recess.

The Portland Alumnae will entertain with a spring and summer fashion show Tuesday, April 3, at 8 p.m. at the B.P.W. Club on Forest Avenue. The Lewiston-Auburn Alumnae are planning a tea March 31 from 3-5 p.m. at 100 Harvard St., Auburn, the home of Elinor Hansen '50, president of the alumnae group.

The Portland event is an annual one of several years' standing. R.S.V.P. is requested to Mrs. Kendrick Dodge, 30 Deake St., So. Portland. All undergraduate women of the University living in the greater Portland area are included in the invitation.

In Lewiston-Auburn, the alumnae group has just been newly re-organized during the past year and this is the first undergraduate-alumnae affair to be sponsored.

Call on Volunteers For Fire Fighting Program on Campus

More men are urgently needed from the forestry and wildlife departments to bolster the fast-growing forest fire fighting organization, Arthur Randall, assistant professor of forestry, said Monday.

The fifty-two men who have volunteered will be given special field training in forest fire fighting. Forty may be sorted from the group to give demonstrations on fire fighting techniques.

In case of a forest fire in the area, ten-man crews, each with a straw boss, will be picked for duty from the volunteers. Crew bosses will get 85 cents an hour and other crewmen 75 cents while fighting the fire. Men in the forestry and wildlife departments may volunteer at Room 102, Plant Science Building.

Annual Gift Award Given Best Story On Maine Fisheries

An annual award of \$100 will be presented from this year through 1955 to any University student preparing the best paper on any topic relative to fisheries in the state of Maine.

The award has been made possible through a gift by A. D. T. Libby, class of '98.

The purpose of the contest is to stimulate interest and research in the marine and freshwater fishery resources of the state.

Dr. Arthur A. Hauck has announced the appointment of the following committee to act as judges in choosing the winner of the award: Dr. W. H. Everhart, fishery professor; Dr. B. R. Speicher, head of the department of zoology, and John S. Getchell, associate bacteriologist in the Agricultural Experiment Station.

Papers should be submitted on or before May 28, for this year's contest.

University Society

BY FRANCES DION

Variety is the spice of life, I've always heard, but I hope it doesn't hold true so far as week ends are concerned. Week ends in the past have been lively but this last one was quiet. It could be that a great many people went home for the holiday; maybe everyone has gotten tired of going to parties; or then again perhaps people are waiting anxiously for vacation without thinking of social affairs.

However, the week end was not entirely void of them. On Friday evening Sigma Chi was host to over 175 couples at their "Naughty Nineties" party. Bill Fogler drew various scenes from that era and these plus streamers made up the decorations. Dick Danforth and a

Dixie Land band provided the music. The very successful evening was chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur S. Weaver and "Ma" Pray.

On the same evening the Betas held a barn dance. The house was decorated in true country style with hay and animals to add to the overall effect. About 45 couples attended with Miss Betty Reid and Mr. Carroll Terrell chaperoning.

SAE took approximately 55 couples to the Barbary Coast. The house was decorated with fish nets and trappings in keeping with the theme. Joe Avery provided the music and during intermission Phil Haskell, George Hersey, Don Spear, and Lloyd McGlinchey entertained with music and dance routines. Chaperoning were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hatch, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Stallworthy, and Mr. and Mrs. Berkley Goodrich. Before the dance there was a buffet supper.

Over 50 attended Sig Ep's "Come as Your Major" costume dance at South Estabrooke. Decorations were in blue and white. An informal floor show was presented by Ron Schutt and Bub Pert. Costume winners were Ralph Clark and George Remillard. Dr. and Mrs. Garland Russell and Dr. and Mrs. George Sanderlin were chaperons. Music was supplied by the Jim Hayes Trio.

The U. of M. Orchestra under the direction of Mr. A. Stanley Cayting will present a concert to be held at Delta Tau Delta at 2:15 p.m. on April 15. The concert is being sponsored by Delta Delta Delta and Delta Tau Delta. Coffee will be served following the performance. Special invitations will be extended.

Alpha Gamma Rho held its annual "Paupers' Promenade" last Saturday evening, March 24. Approximately thirty couples attended, with Priscilla Gordon and Jerry Gallagher winning the prizes for the worst-dressed couple. The house itself was decorated like the inside of a pauper's shack. Chaperoning were Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Trask, and "Ma" Hinekey.

Pinned: Theresa Graham, Old Town, to Thurman Gould, TKE; Patricia Seabury, Portland Maine General Hospital, to Elwyn Grover, TKE.

Calendar

THURSDAY, MARCH 29
5:30 p.m.—American Society of Civil Engineers Dinner, North Estabrooke
7:30 p.m.—American Society of Civil Engineers, Louis Oakes Room
7 p.m.—Tumbling Club, Women's Gym
7:30 p.m.: Scabbard and Blade, 15 Coburn
7:30-9:30 p.m.—Art Class, Studio and 202 Carnegie
FRIDAY, MARCH 30
Classes end—11:35 a.m.

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Faculty Group Reports On Grading

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serious defects in the present combined use of the "point average" and "grade point" systems.

In an analysis of four sets of grades received in beginning courses in four different subjects by sophomores majoring in those subjects it was discovered that in the first two courses no more than 3 out of 100 students received a grade lower than C. In the other two courses, at least 19 out of 100 students got an E or an F.

In a breakdown by subjects (a "subject" including all courses with the same letter abbreviation as Ag, Bt, Fr, etc.) a similar spread was found. Disregarding Honors, a subject carrying special prerequisites, it was found that point averages varied from a high of 3.28 in one subject to a low of 1.97 in the subject with the lowest average.

In determining these averages, both E and F were rated at zero. With F rated at minus one, an even greater spread would have appeared. The committee also found: "No college is without subjects rather low on the list and others well up in the list."

Regarding this divergence in grading patterns the committee opined that "major reasons were the lack of more specific definitions of the present grades and the lack of any policy as to what factors should be considered in assigning grades."

Statement On Policy

In a lengthy statement on grading policy which the report states "broadly indicates the approach made to grades by the faculty as a group," the committee includes this paragraph:

"The basic decision to make in grading is how well the student has met established course objectives rather than how he fits into a predetermined grading pattern. . . . Whenever the objectives are so set that consistently high or consistently low average grades result, the objectives might well be re-examined."

After a study of the present point average system, the committee came up with this interesting statement: "Theoretically a student could graduate with a point average of under 1.00 if he is permitted to continue his work long enough. The three lowest ranking students who graduated within the last three years had cumulative point averages of 1.51, 1.52, and 1.54 respectively. It is not at all impossible for a student to be on probation for almost his entire college career and still graduate."

Point System Weak

The present grade point system was found to have weaknesses. The report states, in part: "The fact that no penalty (on quality) is attached to failing work under the grade point measure often makes it better for a borderline student to fail a course than to receive D. Credit hours of E can be compensated for by hours of C but hours of D must be matched by hours of B."

"Students have not failed to recognize the advantage in getting E rather than D in certain situations and have sometimes even requested instructors to give them the lower grade. . . . The parents of a student prevented from graduation by obtaining a D in some course rather than an E might excusably be confused over the situation."

System Criticized

The report adds that the current grade point requirement has been criticized by some instructors as contributing to students' "shopping" for courses in which a good grade seems to be assured regardless of the intrinsic value of the particular course to the particular student.

To correct or lessen some of the defects which are felt to exist in the present point average and grade point systems, the committee issued the following statement (having first, in its statement on grades, recommended that the grade of F be dropped):

"The simplest way to use the point average as a quality measure is to require the student to obtain a specified minimum point average for all the courses on his college record. This specified point average should be the same for all students. It should be set at a point which seems reasonable in the light of past records."

Committee Recommends 1.8

"The Committee will recommend . . . that a 1.8 point average be required for graduation. This may seem at first glance to be low, but, at least within the last twenty-five years, no College in the University has required a C average for graduation. Forty-five students in the last three years graduated with point averages of under 1.80."

"The question then arises as to whether 1.80 may not be too high. In many of the forty-five cases mentioned, however, the F grade contributed to a decrease in the point average. . . . A superficial (without an analysis of the effect of F, blanket credit, etc.) inspection of a large sample of students indicated that about the same number of students would be affected adversely by the 1.8 requirement as by the grade point requirement."

Revised Catalog Definitions

In its statement on grades the committee included a recommendation for the following revised catalog definitions of grades:

A—High Honors; B—Honors; C—Satisfactory, successful, and respectable meeting of the course objectives; D—Low-level passing work, carrying a warning against further work in a sequence of courses unless greater effort be forthcoming, also warning that unsatisfactory progress is being made toward a college degree; E—Failure to meet the course objectives.

Dr. Spofford Kimball heads the Committee on the Grading System.

He is being assisted by Dr. Ernest Jackman; Prof. Withrop C. Libby, associate dean of the College of Agriculture; and John R. Lyman of the mechanical engineering department.

Out of 280 grade questionnaires submitted to instructors, 210 replies were received. Some of the question and answer scores follow:

C is the standard grade with A, B, D, and E reserved for exceptional cases. Yes—120; No—74.

C represents poor work on the part of a major student. Yes—93; No—111.

On the whole, students now think of C as a satisfactory grade. Yes—126; No—62.

Except for very small classes, the highest ranking group of students should almost always receive A. Yes—93; No—125.

The grades in an advanced course for major students should be expected to average B. Yes—117; No—90.

D usually represents a failure so far as knowledge of course content is concerned. Yes—117; No—85.

Classroom attitudes (interest, boredom, attention, concentration) should be rewarded or penalized by means of the grade. Yes—62; No—141.

Personal factors (courtesy, neatness, tactfulness, tardiness) should be rewarded or penalized by means of the grade. Yes—50; No—152.

The course content should be determined from a consideration of what students should know about the subject regardless of the resulting grade distribution. Yes—122; No—33.

I have a clear-cut knowledge of the differences between A, B, C, D, and E. Yes—89; No—112.

I would welcome more explicit definitions of the grades than we now have. Yes—162; No—33.

It is possible to distinguish at least five different levels of achievement as is assumed for the grades A, B, C, D, E. Yes—134; No—56.

I would be interested in receiving reports after each semester indicating in some fashion how my grading compared with the general pattern and with the grading in similar subjects. Yes—155; No—42.

Faculty Committee Advocates Changes In Absence Procedures

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tions. The text of the proposed change follows:

Change In 24-Hour Rule

"Each student is required to attend his last class within a 24 hour period before and his first class following all announced recesses and holidays. A student absent at either time shall be dropped from the course without a grade. Authorization shall not be given for absences under this rule except for the following extenuating circumstances: sickness, funerals, weddings, parents' written request denoting urgency, essential employment on written request of employer, infrequent transportation, special church services, official attendance at regional fraternity or sorority functions, and representation on official University activities."

Excuses For Make-Up

Item No. 5 covers the only other situation for which an authorized excuse might be needed. This item states:

"The only other situation in which an authorized excuse may be obtained shall be for making up work such as a scheduled prelim, laboratory, special class report, or any other exercise that cannot be made up without extensive supervision. The instructor shall announce to the class whether or not such authorization is necessary."

A supplement to item No. 5 reiterates present policy, in that: "A student with an authorized excuse shall be given the opportunity to make up the deficiency without specific penalty."

In addition to Dr. Kirshen, chairman, the committee on absences included Dr. Hamilton Gray; Dr. Marion D. Sweetman; Dr. Joseph M. Trefethen; John F. Lee, associate professor of mechanical engineering; Winthrop C. Libby, associate dean of the College of Agriculture; and John E. Stewart, assistant to the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Cheating In Exams Is Scheduled Topic Of Panel Discussion

A discussion and public hearing on cheating and exams will be held in the Louis Oakes Room at 3:45 p.m. April 18. The General Student Senate, sponsor of the session, has asked all interested students to attend, hear faculty and student views, and make suggestions.

The hearing is arranged in conjunction with the Student-Faculty Committee on Examinations, which has conducted a preliminary investigation of the examinations situation here, and will present its report at the hearing.

A discussion of cheating and exams by a student panel will open the afternoon session. On the board will be Larry Evans, Paul Marsden, Mary Dean Yates, Phyllis Boutilier, and Greg MacFarlan.

Three faculty members will sit on the panel to answer any questions: Dean Ashley S. Campbell of the College of Technology; Dr. David W. Trafford, assistant professor of history; and Thomas J. Pedlow, professor of biochemistry.

According to Miss Yates, chairman of the Senate committee, the students may offer constructive criticism of the present exam system and its relation to cheating.

In its preliminary investigation, the exam committee listed suggestions for improving the system.

The committee will combine these suggestions with those brought out by the discussion and hearing. A complete list will then be presented to the Faculty Council. Consideration of these suggestions by the Council, Miss Yates said, may lead to a revision of the examination system.

Appropriation Under Debate

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After debate and possible amendment there, it will return to the Senate for final action before being signed by the Governor.

A share of the state property tax, amounting to one mill on the dollar, would provide \$818,000 annually for the university's support. The mill tax was supplemented during the current fiscal year by a special appropriation from other sources of state revenue of \$200,000. For the coming biennium, Governor Frederick G. Payne has recommended that the appropriation beyond mill tax support be set at \$500,000 per year.

Alternate Bills Considered

An alternate bill now before the legislature would provide an increase of $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mill over the current amount. This bill, if made into law, would result in a slight increase over the amount now recommended for the university in the present budget.

Another measure scheduled for consideration is a bill permitting the operation of a medical school by the U. of M., if and when an appropriation for that purpose might be made. The practical effects of this measure are non-existent at present, since no appropriation for a medical school is contemplated by the legislators.

A bill increasing the number of trustees for the university from 9 to 11 is said to have a fairly good chance of becoming law during this session. It would require at least two women trustees on the board, at least one of whom would have to be a U. of M. alumna.

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Faculty Orchid Week

We commend enthusiastically both the Committee on Absences and the Committee on the Grading System, the fruits of whose labors were distributed to the faculty of instruction last week.

"Cuts" present a perennial problem, and, oddly enough, a problem which has not the slightest excuse for existence. Cuts do no appreciable harm to anyone except the student doing the cutting. Logically then, the student should be allowed to take as many cuts as he wishes, for it's his career...his investment of time...his family funds paying the tuition.

Dr. Kirshen, who headed the absence committee, assures us that this would be the ideal solution, "if the student were willing to accept the consequences of his actions." But it doesn't work out that way. When the squeeze comes, and grades begin to look precarious, the student howls for relief like a farmer clamoring for support prices. He "didn't know it was loaded."

Cutting down on the number of situations requiring authorized absence slips, as recommended by the committee, seems like good sense to us. We have always felt that the powers who differentiate between authorized and unauthorized absences were in the business of separating good liars from poor liars. Being in the poor liar class we have resented the advantage given to good liars.

And again, the recommended change in the "24-hour rule" seems to us as sensible as the present rule seems to us non-sensical. We like the report.

We also like the report of the Committee on the Grading System, a document representing a very appreciable amount of intelligent work. We sincerely hope that favorable action is taken by the faculty on the major recommendations of this report.

Although the facts turned up by the work of this committee are certainly no great surprise, they carry quite an impact when written down in black and white. This is as it should be. We are strong believers in the power of print.

We found some very interesting material in this report. And we found some puzzling material. The puzzling material turned up in some of the faculty answers to the grade questionnaires.

In answering one question, 33 out of 195 instructors replied in effect that they would not "welcome more explicit definitions of the grades than we have now." Here are 33 "odd ones," we think.

And in answer to another question, 42 out of 197 instructors indicated that they would not "be interested in receiving reports after each semester indicating in some fashion how my grading compared with the general pattern and with the grading in similar subjects." Here are 42 "odd ones," we think.

We wonder what distinguishes these seeming sans-culottes. Specifically, we wonder whether their oddity is due to greater independence, greater intelligence, greater inertia, or greater indifference.

We just wonder, that's all. But we're sure of one thing. We're certain that Dr. Kimball and his committee did a very fine job on this project.

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Fire And Brimstone

By AL MERSKY

With the "sprunging" of Spring and the "rizzing" of grass is coming the wearing of cottons and the cleaning of white bucks. For despite the laments of our ski fanatics and our ice-blade worshippers, the warm weather is here and with it the final chapter of many things on campus.

For the seniors it is the ebb of a four-year grind. And, as all will agree, they were four fast years. Whether it was because they were four years of doing nothing or doing everything, they whizzed by with the Superman speed of a flying bullet.

Many of the Class of '51 merely postponed the responsibility of work with these four years; many others wisely stone-masoned a knowledge foundation for the future; still others just sat around and giggled the 48 months away.

The long trudges to early morning classes, the early morning discussion sessions, the rides to Pushaw, the nights at the Opera House and the Bijou and the Strand, the formals and the banquets and the house-parties are almost over for we '51ers.

And as all good things must come to an end, so must the present staff of the Campus retire to their rocking chairs to make room for the new writing blood of our Junior class.

We hereby pass into their hands the potential means of watchdogging all campus policies and groups which affect student welfare. We also hope their shoulders are sturdy enough to bear the responsibility of reporting what they think is wrong as well as right.

And for me—my last column! So hail to Fire and Brimstone, as it turns to smoke and ashes!!!

Black And White

By SID FOLSOM

You know, it seems too bad that some of the faculty on this fair campus can't think of anything to do on the last day of class before a vacation except...conduct an exam!

It's sorta rough on the poor student, you know, to be forced to take an exam just before leaving for home.

It's possible that he's planned to do his packing the night before. Or maybe it's sort of hard to concentrate during those last few days. Perhaps the student is as exhausted as the administration expected him to be when it chose to include a spring vacation in the year's calendar.

But, on the other hand, let's be fair about this. Maybe the poor instructor is preoccupied, too. Perhaps he's also got packing to do. Possibly he doesn't want to have to concentrate on lectures during that last day.

What easier way out than to plan an exam, and then just sit back and watch on that last day while the students sweat?

Or maybe the instructor is a bit of a sadist. Perhaps it does his heart good to watch a student squirming

under the torture of a last-day-before-vacation, spring-time exam.

But let's not be too hard on the instructor. This could be just additional evidence of what many students and faculty here have agreed is a faulty exam system.

Thinking it over, the present set-up can stand revision. Some people obviously think so, and are going ahead to suggest changes to the Faculty Council.

The Student-Faculty Committee on Examinations, for example, has done a healthy bit of digging into the flaws in our exam procedures. They've come up with a list of possible changes.

And right after vacation, there's going to be a public hearing on the exam system and its foster-child, cheating.

It's about time a few changes were made, anyway.

Do you have a gripe against the exam system?

Bring them both to the public hearing. Cooperation between students and faculty on this may do a lot to remedy some of our examination evils.

Mail Bag

As One Ed To Another

To the Editor: Your editorial, "Listen, My Children..." is deserving of an answer. From a quick reading of this hastily written masterpiece, it would appear that two conclusions are evident: either (1) you are completely ignorant of interscholastic debate, its aims and purposes, or (2) you are—as the expression goes—pulling our leg.

Being a former editor of the *Campus* myself (1947-48), and hoping that certain traditions of the office have been upheld, I refuse to condemn you as stupid. It therefore becomes clear that you are spoofing.

Spoofing has a place. Spoofing an honest institution or activity has a place. May I point out, however, that when you lend prestige to that spoofing by placing it in the editorial columns of what we like to think of as a good newspaper, the fun has come to an end. Too many of the "listeners" might take you seriously.

I have two suggestions. You might form a class for "readers." These students would no longer be burdened with the necessity of attempting to write. They could simply read, think a minute, and say: "Yup, that's right," or "Nope, that's wrong." You would, I'm sure, make an excellent charter member for this class. If this is impossible, you could, of course, study harder in your journalism classes.

Yours for a continually improved Maine *Campus*, and a world full of "readers," "writers," "speakers," and "listeners."

LARRY JENNESS '49

An Empty Glass...

To the Editor: The Christian Civic League should be happy again. In one of its actions last week, the State Legislature passed an amendment to a bill that would forbid the sale of beer and ale to persons under 21.

Maine's frat parties are more sober than before, and the guys and gals are having as good a time as before. The deal is: who or whatever is responsible for the drive is only driving the drinkers into seclusion.

It's psychologically accepted that solitary drinking has a bad effect on the human mind. It turns the moderate guy who likes a few brews into a moody, introverted...well, sometimes an alcoholic.

Another thing: a good part of the students here are from out-of-state, where less stringent liquor laws are in effect. Most of them, at one time or another, have had a good laugh over Maine's Blue Laws.

After all, they're used to drinking cocktails with their folks before, during, or after supper, and have a fairly intelligent attitude toward drinking.

Few of us hide from our parents the fact that we occasionally imbibe. But the question of who shall and who shall not drink rests solely with the parents.

JIM BARROWS

Former Maine Student Is Author Of 'Candlemas'

Miss Ruth Moore, who received a Litt.D. from the U. of M. in 1947, has written a novel entitled "Candlemas Bay." The author attended the University from 1931 to 1932 before going on to N. Y. State College, where she received an A.B. in 1925.

A former associate editor of the Reader's Digest, Miss Moore is also the author of "The Weir" and "Spoon-handle." Born in Gott's Island, Me., she now lives in McKinley, Me.

Program Of Conference

The program for the April 19-20 Conference on Canadian-American Affairs, sponsored by the University of Maine with the cooperation of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, now stands as follows:

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

10:45 a.m.—General Session—Memorial Gymnasium
Chairman: Arthur A. Hauck, President, University of Maine
Address: Escott Reid, Deputy Under-Secretary of State, Department of External Affairs, Canada
12:45 p.m.—Luncheon—Estabrooke Hall

2:00 p.m.—Little Theatre—Forum
Discussion: *Canada, the United States, and World Affairs*
Chairman: Robert M. York, Associate Professor of History, University of Maine
Address: Edgar McInnis, Professor of History, University of Toronto
Address: Nathaniel Pepper, Professor of International Relations, Columbia University
2:00 p.m.—Louis Oakes Room—
Forum Discussion: *Canadian-American Economic Problems*
Chairman: H. Austin Peck, Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Maine
Address: A. F. W. Plumptre, Head, Economics Division, External Affairs Department, Canada
Address: Livingston Satterthwaite, Deputy Director, Office of British Commonwealth and North European Affairs, Department of State, U.S.A.

3:30 p.m.—Louis Oakes Room—
Forum Discussion: *Canadian Education*
Chairman: Mark R. Shibles, Dean, School of Education, University of Maine
Address: F. E. MacDiarmid, Director and Chief Superintendent of Education, New Brunswick
Address: R. J. Love, Professor of Education and Director of the Summer School, University of New Brunswick
Address: Payson Smith, Professor Emeritus of Education, University of Maine
Commentary—Philip Annas, Associate Deputy Commissioner, Department of Education, State of Maine
Thomas C. King, Associate Professor of Education, University of Maine

3:30 p.m.—Little Theatre—Forum
Discussion: *Canadian-American Agricultural Relations*
Chairman: Arthur L. Deering, Dean of Agriculture, University of Maine
Speakers: Francis A. Flood, Agricultural Attache, United States Embassy, Ottawa
S. Claude Hudson, Principal Economist, Department of Agriculture, Canada
J. K. Galbraith, Professor of Economics, Harvard University
Clifford McIntire, Assistant General Manager, Maine Potato Growers, Inc., Presque Isle, Maine
6:30 p.m.—Dinner—Estabrooke Hall
8:15 p.m.—General Session, Women's Gymnasium: *Canadian-American Defense Problems*
Address: R. C. Gordon, Air Commodore, RCAF, Group Commander, Maritime Group, Halifax, Nova Scotia
Address: R. L. Walsh, Major General, USAF, American Section, Canadian and United States Permanent Joint Board on Defense, Washington, D. C.

FRIDAY, APRIL 20
8:45-12:00 a.m.—Discussion and class meetings

Dickey New Prexy Of Sigma Pi Sigma; Twenty Pledged

Frederick B. Oleson, assistant professor of physics, will discuss nuclear physics at the Sigma Pi Sigma initiation banquet, Thursday, April 12. The physics honor society will take into its ranks about 20 new members at the meeting, a spokesman for the group announced this week.

At the last meeting of Sigma Pi Sigma, Dana Dickey was elected president of the organization. Other officers named were Richard Knight, vice president; Victor Christensen, secretary; and Arden Young, treasurer.

Victor H. Coffin, assistant professor of physics, is the group's faculty adviser.

Films on rocket research were shown at the meeting. They featured experiments with the Navy's high-altitude "Viking" rocket and captured German V-2 rockets.

The films were shown by Martha Bond, class of 1948, who is now connected with the Instrument Section of the Rocket Research department, the Naval Research Laboratory, Arlington, Va.

ASCE Prexy To Speak In Oakes Room Tonight

Gail A. Hathaway, president of the American Society of Civil Engineers, will address the local chapter tonight at 7:30 in the Louis Oakes Room. All technology students are invited.

Hathaway, a special assistant to the Chief of Engineers, Department of the Army, will speak on "An Engineer's Impression of Present Day India." He will be honored at a dinner this evening at 6 p.m. in Estabrooke Hall.

Allan Corey is the new president of Alpha Gamma Rho. Others elected are Clayton Blood, vice President; Donald Waterman, secretary; William Keene, treasurer; and Edgar Johnson, social chairman.

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Memorial Gym Will Resemble New Orleans

Memorial Gymnasium will look more like New Orleans than Maine on the night of April 19, when Ray Feasey and his Mardi Gras Magic decoration committee create an authentic Dixieland setting for the second annual Beaux Arts Ball.

Bob Percival's orchestra will provide dance music from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Percival's band-within-a-band Dixieland combo will contribute to the Mardi Gras atmosphere. The orchestra, which has played at all Maine colleges and the leading ballrooms throughout New England, consists of 14 pieces and two vocalists.

Last summer the Percival band played at Old Orchard Beach and is already booked for Island Park Casino, near Augusta, this coming season.

Lounge In Balcony

Ray Feasey has announced that the gym will be decorated with multi-colored patterns from the floor to a distinctive ceiling design. The north balcony will be utilized as a lounge and vantage point for spectators. Decorations in the field house will further add to the Mardi Gras Magic theme. The main entrance to the gym will be "outstanding," according to Feasey.

"Watch the library steps for Dixieland music and listen to WABI, WLBZ, and WGUY for timely information about Mardi Gras Magic," said Bob Cormier, chairman of the Beaux Arts publicity committee. "And watch the April 16 issue of the Bangor Sunday Commercial for pictures of Mardi Gras Magic personalities and costume suggestions."

Display In Library

The display windows in the foyer of the library contain Mardi Gras Magic material this week.

The two first prizes, to be awarded to the most originally and handsomely dressed couples, will be displayed on campus after vacation.

Speaking of costumes for the ball, Greg MacFarland has said, "Modern, moose, mutilated, or magnificent, anything as long as it is a costume. Costumes are definitely required for admission."

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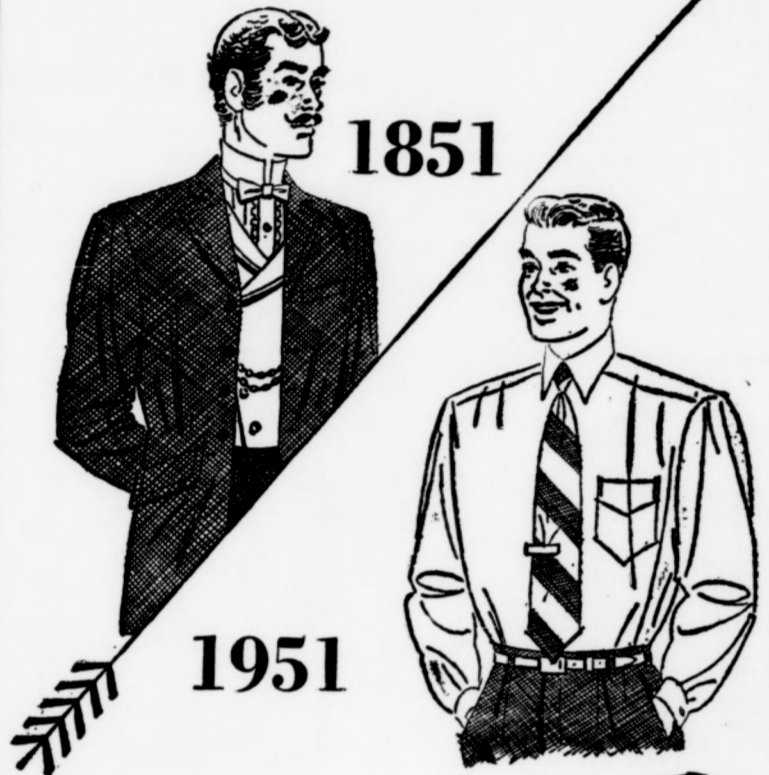
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Radio Guild Show Will Use Script By Alvan Mersky

A radio script written by Alvan Mersky will be presented tomorrow night over station WLBZ at 10:30 in observance of International Theatre Month.

Mersky's script won a contest sponsored by the Maine Radio Guild and the Maine Masque Theatre.

Entitled "Listen to the People," the script, in line with the theme of theatre month, is intended to promote the theme of world peace through international understanding and respect for universal human rights.

The program is under the direction of Marguerite Floyd. She will be assisted by Malcolm Chadbourne, Harold Thomas, and Carver Washburn.

Prof. John E. Stewart has been named adviser of the Class of 1954, the Freshman officers and executive committee have announced.

Summer Camp Plans Record Group

The largest advance ROTC class in the history of the University is scheduled to report to summer "camp" for six weeks' training on June 16.

Of a total of 150 men who will attend, 26 will receive their reserve commissions as 2nd Lieutenants at the close of the training period.

The breakdown as to camps that the three major branches from the University will attend is as follows: Infantry, Fort Meade, Maryland, 62; Artillery, Fort Bliss, Texas, 51; Signal, Fort Monmouth, N. J., 31.

Moreshead MCA Prexy

Ida Moreshead is new president of the Maine Christian Association, following MCA general elections held on campus Monday. Other officers elected for the coming year are: Dave Collins, vice president; secretary, Beverly Pettengill; and treasurer, Neil Littlefield.

U. Of M. To Debate At Hanover Contest

U. of M. will be represented in the New England Forensic Conference Debate Tournament at Dartmouth College on April 13 and 14.

Representing the University will be Isabelle Burbank and Phyllis J. Bruce on the affirmative team and Mark Lieberman and Leon Segal on the negative team.

The question to be debated will be, Resolved: That the Non-Communist Nations Should Form a New International Organization.

Only schools in the New England area will be represented. This is the first year that the University has entered this tournament. Gardner will accompany the group to Dartmouth.

Larry Pinkham, former editor of the *Campus*, will be employed on the Providence (R.I.) *Journal and Evening Bulletin* during his spring vacation from the Graduate School of Journalism, Columbia University.

Applause Meter To Be Installed At Talent Show

The Pine Needle talent show April 13, will use an appliance common to the radio gag show. According to Sid Folsom, program director, an applause meter will be tried this year so that the audience will have a chance to choose the winners.

The applause meter is being built by Herb Merrill of the audio-visual department.

Folsom said that the Pine Needle is seeking to gather campus talent for an evening of entertainment for the whole student body.

Pine Needle editor, Joe Zabriskie, will emcee the talent show, which has already booked vocalists, bands, harmonica players, and a strong man act.

Work Application Deadline Is Set

The office of Student Aid and Placement will accept applications for fall semester work immediately after the spring vacation, according to information released this week by its director, Philip J. Brockway.

All students wishing to be considered for waitress, cafeteria, janitor, library, and other campus jobs, should be sure to file an application before May 10, Brockway said.

He suggested that all interested students discuss with their parents during vacation the details of their next year's finances, so that complete and accurate information may be given on the work applications.

Radio Guild To Give Dick Vaughn Script

"A Musical Vacation" through Maine will be the topic of the Radio Guild's April 6 show over WLBZ. The script was written by Dick Vaughn, who will assist Jo Spicker in directing the program.

Music for the show will be furnished by Don Lord's "Four Tones." Ben Pike is the narrator and Connie Zoschka is in charge of the recorded music.

The show is scheduled for broadcast at 10:30 p.m. Friday.

Harland A. Ladd, Commissioner of Education for Maine, was guest speaker at a meeting of the Maine Government class this afternoon in Wingate Hall. Ladd spoke on "The Department of Education." The discussion was open to the public.

Philosophy Club Looks To Enlist More Members

Students who like to talk about ideas and hear other people do the same are about to come into their own, if the Philosophy Club's current membership drive is a success.

"Nobody has to be a philosopher before he can join the club," president Arthur Downey said this week. "We won't guarantee to make him into one, as far as that goes. But we do hope to provide all our new members with an opportunity to present their own ideas and to criticize other people's."

Downey said that membership in the club is open to all interested students, whether or not they have taken philosophy courses here or anywhere else.

Dr. Donald L. Quinsey of the Department of Psychology spoke to the group last week at a meeting in Carnegie Lounge. Dr. Milford Wence of the English department is scheduled to speak sometime in April.

"Within the next four or five weeks," Downey said, "we want to find a student to represent the U. of M. at a Maine college panel to be held at Colby." The subject of the panel, he explained, will be "Philosophy as the Solution to World Crisis," and the chief qualification for the U. of M. representative is "pertinent ideas and the ability to express them."

Downey urged that any student interested should get in touch with him or any other club officer. "We hope that people won't be shy about this," he said. "We want a big panel of candidates to choose from."

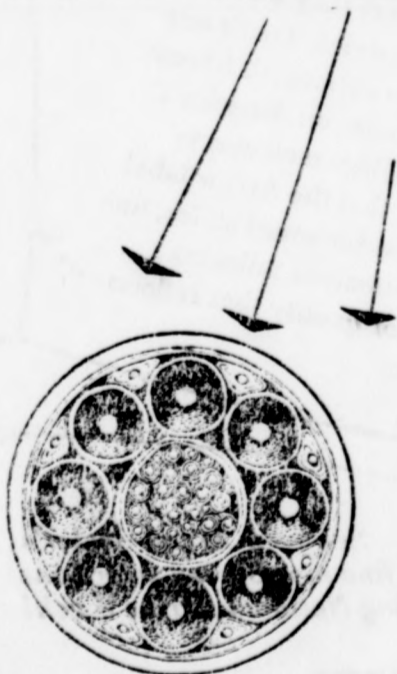
Other Philosophy Club officers are Barbara Hobbs, vice president and Elinor Horton, secretary-treasurer.

Freshman Banquet Plans Completed

Arrangements for the Freshman Class Banquet have been completed and the affair has been scheduled for Saturday, April 21, at 6:30 p.m. in the Memorial Gym. Social chairmen Betty Brooks and Paul LaFountain have announced that the Maine Men will provide the music for dancing.

Tickets for the banquet may be obtained after vacation at the New Cafeteria during lunch hours and at West Hall.

The members of the entertainment committee planning the banquet are: Arlene Kidder, Barbara Wigger, and Ruth Bartlett; on the publicity committee are Dot Casey and Don Poulin.



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Bear Facts

By BILL LOUBIER

With the old faces going out and the new regime taking over on the editorial part of the Maine Campus as well as on the sports staff, it might be well to review some of the highlights that have happened to the sports world at the University since the start of this year.

At the opening of school in September, the first Bear Facts column talked about the new policy of letting student wives and faculty alike witness the school's athletic events. The drop in enrollment created the added space needed for the move. Tickets were on sale for \$6.00.

The picture for high school students was made very bright, also, by an announcement that any student in the state could see Maine's football team play for the fee of 60 cents.

Along with this was the matter of high school grid players. They were allowed to witness the Pale Blue footballers in action by simply paying the 10 cent government tax on the ticket. Good public relations.

Alumni field's practice quarters was given a boost when lights were added to afford the team night practice. This was a tremendous help to the coaches in stretching practice hours. The squabbles were few, the main question being why not have the arcs on the playing field for night games instead of spending the money to lengthen night drills?

Another improvement which was welcomed by the teams was the removal of the fieldhouse cafeteria which afforded greater space and elbow room for track, baseball and football.

In October, a Sailing Club trekked to Brunswick and copped the state title, unofficially, of course, but proving a point. Potentially, the Bears have a great deal to offer and have displayed all the versatility of the bigger schools, by such undertakings.

The hoop season came along late in November and with it a ruling which was met with an approval of zero. The National Basketball Committee laid down the law that all courts under their jurisdiction would have to change over to a square backboard. What happened? Maine changed over, but a host of others simply ignored the ultimatum.

Maine's hoopmen suffered the familiar sophomore jinx blues in the basketball season but still managed to draw a good crowd.

So what? So it shows that fight, determination and the will to win together with a great many hours of practice is appreciated by the fans.

In the winter sports events, Bob Pidacks stole most of the glitter when he made himself world famous in the cross-country ski events by becoming a potential threat to Europeans who usually dominate this phase of skiing. We nominate him athlete of the year. He has put an already famous ski team in the limelight and has boosted University sports that much more.

The last issues have been concerned with the status of minor sports at the University. The question will probably develop into the biggest sports story of the year—regardless of whether the small letters earners are put on the same level as the major M winners.

If minor sports gets the boost, the news is a story in itself. If it doesn't, then the big question why will make the story.

It can't miss.

Woodbury To Head Freshman Baseball Team

Phi Gam Downs Grads 51-43 For Campus Crown

By HUGH LORD

Phi Gam finally pulled away from a scrappy Grads team in the last quarter, Tuesday night, to win the campus intramural basketball championship, 51-43.

The Grads worked smoothly in the first quarter as Danforth and Bishop combined in the scoring department to hold the highly favored Phi Gams to a 12-12 deadlock. But it was a different story in the second period when the fraternity outfit worked a sizzling offense and an air-tight defense to gain an impressive 29-16 lead at half time.

Grads Start Drive

In the third stanza, the Grads looked like a new team. Danforth, Bishop and company clicked with almost monotonous regularity while holding the Phi Gams to an insignificant two points while racking up 12 points of their own.

At the end of the quarter, the scorebook read 33-31 in favor of the Grads.

Nealley, Sturgeon and Foley took matters into their own hands in the last chapter. Standing outside the tight zone defense which had worked so well for the Grads all evening, they popped in set shot after set shot to leave the tiring Grads behind. The final quarter spurt gave them the win.

PHI GAM (51) GRADS (43)
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(c) Norwood 5 (c) Danforth 8 (10) (rg) Cummings (lf) Bishop 4 (2) Logan Larson 1
(lg) Foley 4 (1) (rf) Vail Nealley 5 (1)

Golf Candidates Prep For Schedule

Coach Charlie Emery and a possible 80 candidates will take part in a big spring golf schedule including a number of tournaments along with the regular matches.

The competition starts April 19.

Out of all the matches only three of them will be played on the home course at the Penobscot Valley Country club. These meets will be against Colby and Bates in the state series and against Rhode Island in the Yankee Conference.

The schedule: (A=away; H=home)

April
19—Boston University—A
20—Rhode Island—A
21—Univ. of Conn.—A

May
4—Rhode Island—H
7—Yankee Conference—A
9—Colby—H
11-13 NEICAAA—A
18—Colby—A
19—Bates—H
21-22—State Meet—A
26—Bowdoin—A

There will be a meeting of all candidates for the freshman baseball team tonight at 7:00 in 22 Wingate Hall.

There will be a short meeting of the Sailing club tonight for all interested members at 6:30 in 32 Stevens Hall.

Diamond Squad, Lude, Go South For Six-Game Exhibition Tour

A sixteen man squad will comprise this year's baseball team on a six-game southern trip that includes contests with schools and military bases in and around Washington, D. C.

The Bears will open their 1951 season Monday, April 2, when they face a strong American University squad.

At press time, Coach Mike Lude had not yet named his complete roster. He did say, however, that the team would bat something like this:

Ellis Bean, shortstop; Chimmy Chamard, outfield; Capt. Chub Clark, second base; Al Hackett, outfield; Al Card, outfield; Jim Delois, third base; Red Wilson, catcher; Carl Wight, first base; the pitcher will bat ninth. The remaining seven who are to make the trip will be selected tonight.

Plans call for the team to travel by private cars. The squad will leave Saturday morning at 7. They will continue on to New Haven, and spend Saturday night at Yale University's famed varsity house for visiting teams.

Sunday morning, they will leave for Washington where they will stay overnight at each university on their schedule. They will return to Orono, Monday night, April 9.

According to the affable Lude, his squad is an "unknown quality." Said he, "With good pitching we may do well, but you really can't see what you're working with unless you're actually out on the field. To date, only our outfielders have been able to get outside to do any work and that was just shagging flies in adverse weather conditions."

Lude further stated that the squad morale is good, and that "they have the desire and the willingness to make this season a winning one."

Tennis Sextet Is Dixie-Bound

Coach G. William "Doc" Small and company will leave Saturday for College Park, Maryland, where they will play their first match with the University of Maryland Monday. They hope to arrive in plenty of time to get some rest and also to try out the courts.

Of the matches pending it was decided to accept the Georgetown offer instead of either Loyola or Catholic University. Coach Small was happy to be able to renew athletic relationships with Georgetown after so many years.

This year, the Pale Blue squad will play the three best teams in the Mason-Dixon League, namely, Maryland, Georgetown, and George Washington University.

Both lineups, singles and doubles, are undecided at the moment and probably won't be until the matches start. Injuries are playing an important point in this factor. Don Holsworth has blistered hands and water on the knee.

Seven Captains Elected

Ninety-five University athletes received awards at the annual award banquet last Wednesday night.

Speakers at the banquet included President Arthur A. Hauck; Dean Elton E. Wieman, director of athletics; Dr. Rome Rankin, Basketball coach; Ted Curtis, winter sports coach; and Sgt. Earl B. Eastwood, rifle team coach.

Seymour Card, president of the Maine Athletic Association, was toastmaster.

Elected captains were John Wathen, indoor track; Larry Mahaney, honorary basketball; Bob Pidacks, Winter sports; and Leonard Hutchins, rifle squad.

For the freshman teams, Al Philbrick was chosen captain, Carl MacLean and Ed Touchette, track.

New Mentor Is Former Captain Of Baseball

By BILL MATSON

Freshman baseball hopefuls have a treat in store for them this spring, when they come under the tutelage of Harold C. Woodbury of the Physical Education Department.

According to Athletic Director, Elton E. Wieman, "Woody," as he is known to students and faculty, will take over the reins of the freshman baseball team this spring, so that the newly appointed coaches will have time to get acquainted before they assume their duties, next fall.

A former captain of a Maine baseball team, "Woody" graduated in 1936. After two years of graduate work, he returned in 1939 to become an instructor in the physical education department. In 1948 he was named Assistant Professor of education.

Diamond Standout

A baseball letterman for his 3 undergraduate years, Woody was a hard hitting first baseman. So hard hitting in fact, that he was selected to represent the State of Maine in the Olympic tryouts.

He declined the offer, however, because he felt that he had a better chance to learn baseball with the Worumbo Indians managed by Freddy Parent, the all-time great Red Sox third baseman.

He played for the powerful Indians during the summers of 1936 and 1937. He started the season with them in 1938, but was hospitalized eight weeks with a throat infection. As his replacement, Parent secured the services of Eddie Waitkus, now the crack initial sacker of the National League Champion Philadelphia Phillies.

Former Frosh Tutor

In 1937, 38, and 39, he served as Maine's freshman baseball coach. Also in 1939, Woody took over the varsity basketball team when Bill Kenyon fell ill, and guided the hoopmen to their first state championship. It was a case of former pupil helping out, as Woody had been a crack forward on Kenyon's 1936 quintet.

From 1938 through 1940, he was the player manager of the Dover Foxcroft entrant in the Eastern Maine League.

"Woody" is married to the former Henrietta Cliff of Lincoln. He has two promising young ball players, John, eight, and Robert, ten.

Women's Sports

By SALLY ARSENEAULT

Before settling down to your studies after vacation, try relaxing by attending the stag dance on Monday April 9 in the Women's Gym from 8-11:30 with admission 30 cents.

The badminton tournament will begin immediately after vacation. There will be a three-day limit for accepting a challenge or an automatic forfeit will result.

The Eastern Board of Officials for Women's Sports has officially confirmed four more basketball ratings. Betty Friedler '50 received national rating. Mary Uebrecht and Ruth Ann Johnson received local ratings, and Isadore Stearns earned an intramural rating.

Canada's Escott Reid To Speak At Conference's First Session

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professor of education and director of the summer school at the University of New Brunswick, will be the Canadian representative. Payson Smith, professor emeritus of education at the University of Maine, will deliver the third address.

New Brunswick Educator

F. E. MacDiarmid, who has devoted thirty years to teaching and supervising New Brunswick students, in addition to being director and chief superintendent of New Brunswick schools, is also director of the Canadian Education Association. He received his B.A. from Mount Allison University and his M.A. from the University of New Brunswick. He has two LL.D.'s.

Dr. MacDiarmid began his career in education by teaching in the rural schools of New Brunswick. He was later principal of grade schools for four years and an instructor in mathematics at Fredericton high school for four years. After another four-year period as principal of Woodstock high school, he joined the staff of the Fredericton Teachers' College where he taught for fifteen years. In 1949, MacDiarmid was appointed to his present position as director and chief superintendent of education.

Textbook Editor

During his long career in education, Dr. MacDiarmid has found time to take education courses at Columbia University and Ontario College of Education and to edit the science texts used in New Brunswick grade schools.

Robert J. Love, a native of New Brunswick, is professor of education and head of the education department at the University of New Brunswick. He is also director of the summer school and director of extension.

In 1948-49, Mr. Love was chairman of the Provincial Royal Commission on the Rates and Taxes Act of New Brunswick.

Mr. Love entered the University of New Brunswick on a Beaverbrook Scholarship in 1924. He was graduated four years later with honors in economics and philosophy and received his M.A. from New Brunswick in 1930. In 1934 he received his B.Paed. from the University of Toronto.

He taught school in several New Brunswick towns and was later principal and supervisor in Bathurst and St. Andrews. After four years' service with the Canadian army from which he was discharged with the rank of major, he was appointed professor of economics at New Brunswick in 1946. He became head of the department of education in 1949.

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ment of education in 1949.

Noted Maine Educator

A native of Portland who holds degrees from all four of Maine's colleges, Payson Smith will bring a wide knowledge of American education to the Canadian education forum. Dr. Smith, who has been both state superintendent of public schools in Maine and state commissioner of education in Massachusetts, has been active in education as an instructor and administrator for over fifty years. He holds degrees from Tufts, Maine, Norwich, Northeastern, Bates, Bowdoin, Rhode Island State College of Education, Colby, and Springfield.

Dr. Smith began his teaching career as an instructor in Greek at Westbrook Seminary. He was later principal of several Maine high schools and superintendent of schools in several communities.

Phi Mu Delta elected officers last Monday night. Those elected were: President, John Skillin; Vice President, Harry Richardson; Secretary, Jerry Audet; and Treasurer, Joe Saunders.

Varied Program Planned For Visitors

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Maine berries will be under discussion all day Thursday here. Raymon Atherton, manager of Maine Blueberry Growers, is to speak on raising

strawberries for freezing. Joseph King, Birdseye Division of General Foods Corporation, follows with a talk on strawberries for processing. Other speakers will follow.

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The Brains Behind the "Electric Brains"

How Du Pont Research engineers apply electronics to chemical manufacture

When you hear that a scientist works for a chemical company, it's natural to assume he is a chemist. Oddly enough, the Du Pont Company employs about as many engineers as chemists for normal technical work. Many are chemical engineers. But when it comes to basic research on instrumentation—a very important activity—both chemists and chemical engineers are in the minority.

This fundamental work is largely carried out in a laboratory of the Engineering Department, where electrical engineers, physicists and other scientists are deeply involved in electronics studies. They have some amazing devices to their credit—devices for monitoring industrial operations continuously and automatically.

Some of their ideas are spurred by a need in an existing plant. But the design of a new one may also lean heavily on novel instruments. Take, for instance, a new Du Pont plant that uses cyanides. Of course, these compounds are very poisonous. So

when the plant was being designed, engineers were aware of the importance of detecting accidental contamination of the cooling water. In fact, the whole question of getting into production hinged on the problem of dealing with plant effluents.

Chemical-electronic watchdog

Once the only way to detect a fraction of a part per million of cyanide



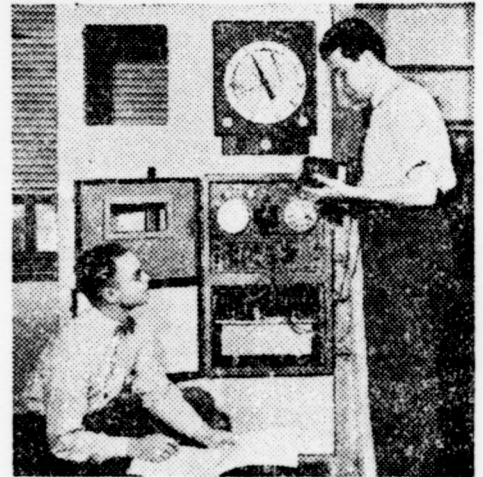
Fred R. Studer (left), B. Met. E., Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute 1950, examines a Pressure Strain Recorder with Allen R. Furtick, E.E., Princeton 1939.

was to raise fish in water containing plant effluents. But this required a staff of experts to check constantly on the health of the fish. It was too slow and inaccurate. So the engineers developed a "chemical-electronic watchdog." Twenty-four hours a day, it automatically analyzes for cyanide to one part per million. If an excessive amount is present, it rings an alarm bell. Periodically, the machine pumps cyanide through itself to be sure it is registering. All the plant men have to do is take readings occasionally and fill the tanks with reagents once a week.

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Richard G. Jackson (left), E.S. in Ch. E., Columbia 1942, and Gregory L. Laserson, Ph.D. in M.E., Columbia 1949, test an Infrared Gas Analyzer which may be used to continuously analyze and control any infrared absorbing gas in a mixture.

from ultraviolet gas analyzers and multivariable recorders to nylon denier gages—play a vital part in improving production methods. Many of them not only "observe" continuously, but automatically correct anything that goes wrong.

Research engineers at work

The term "research engineer," by the way, is a loose one. It may refer to an electronics engineer working on a new photo-multiplier circuit—or a physicist using his optics and spectrophotometry in designing a color-matching instrument. It may cover the activities of a physical chemist developing a continuous turbidimetric analysis—or a mechanical engineer evaluating a pneumatic servomechanism.

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